

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR WISCONSIN BAY AREA COUNTIES

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Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Edge Up During August

The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates for the Wisconsin Bay Area were mixed during August, but the overall result for the region was an increase of 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.7 percent. Three of the region's counties had declines, while six increased and one remained unchanged.

Normally there is a slight decrease in the August employment level. This is usually the result of some workers beginning to leave summer jobs in early August and prepare to return to school.

A substantial decline in both the number of workers and the number of employed is typical for the month of August. Since 1999, the decline in the area's labor force has averaged nearly 4,300 workers, while the number of employed has dropped about 3,300 between the month of July. The fact that a larger number leave the labor force than become unemployed pushes the unemployment rate down.

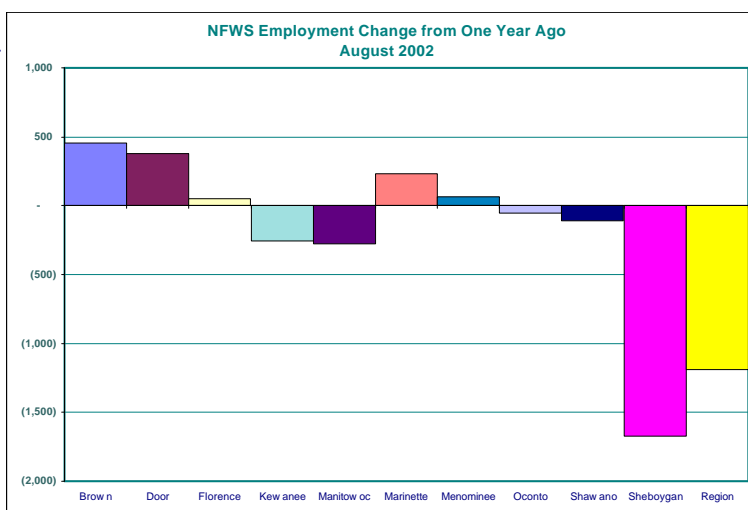
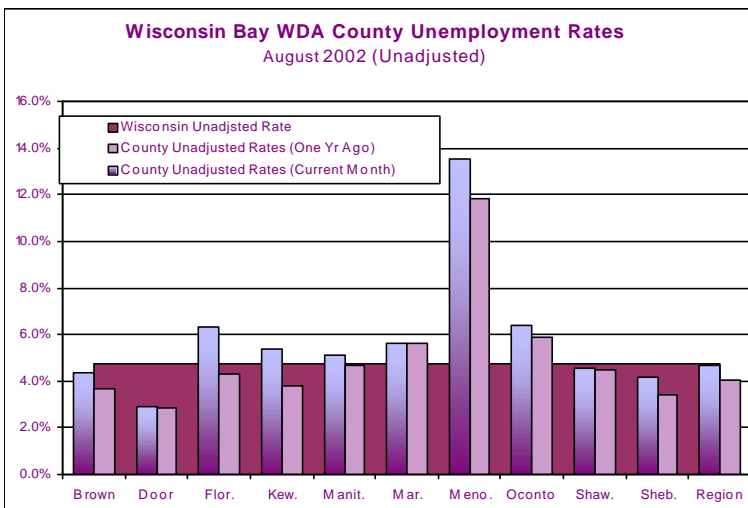
The decline in the area labor force was slightly less this year with 3,400 workers exiting. However, the decline in unemployment was slightly above the average with employment down 3,600 compared to the average of 3,300. Of greater concern is the number of employed dropped more than the decline in the labor force pushing the rate up.

Total employment in the region was 332,100. Although the number of employed was down from July, there were 1,500 more employed when compared with

last August. If seasonal patterns hold, we should expect to see continued declines in both the labor force and the number of employed when September data is released next month. This most likely will continue through early next year, although there are some months that with increases in employment and labor force, but not on a consistent basis. Sheboygan County had the largest drop in the labor force of all ten counties in the region with a decline of 1,000, this was followed closely by Manitowoc with a decline of 900 in their labor force. Manitowoc also had the largest monthly drop in employed in the region with a decline of 900.

The number of nonfarm wage and salary (NFWS) jobs increased 600 in August. The increase was mostly in Brown County where NFWS employment was up 800. This was offset by decreases in other counties in the region. The small increase in NFWS employment is consistent with state-

wide patterns which was up 4,300. The majority of the decline in NFWS employment occurred in manufacturing, which was down 500 from July and 2,800 from one year ago.



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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates for August

The seasonally adjusted rate increased in both the Green Bay and Sheboygan MSA's during August. In Green Bay the rate increased by 0.4 of a percentage point to 4.8 percent. This was 0.7 of a percentage point above last August. The rate in the Sheboygan MSA rose 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.6 percent.

The nation's unemployment rate was down 0.2 of a percentage point to 5.7 percent. The rate in the State of Wisconsin rose 0.4 of a percentage point to 5.2 percent.

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Wisconsin Bay Workforce Development Area													
August 2002	Brown	Door	Florn.	Kewan.	Mantw.	Marntt.	Menom	Oconto	Shawn.	Sheboy.	Region	Wisconsin	
Civilian Labor Force*	142,800	19,000	1,900	10,900	46,800	22,800	2,500	17,500	20,300	63,900	348,300	3,089,600	
Employed	136,600	18,500	1,800	10,300	44,400	21,500	2,100	16,400	19,400	61,200	332,100	2,942,900	
Unemployed	6,200	600	100	600	2,400	1,300	300	1,100	900	2,700	16,200	146,800	
Unemployment rate(%)	4.3%	2.9%	6.3%	5.4%	5.1%	5.6%	13.5%	6.4%	4.6%	4.2%	4.7%	4.7%	
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.6%	N/A	5.2%	
Total, all industries**	147,100	16,300	1,300	6,700	39,000	20,800	2,100	10,400	12,600	61,900	318,200	2,850,500	
Construction & Mining	9,400	1,000	100	600	1,900	600	0	600	600	2,700	17,500	139,800	
Manufacturing	28,200	2,600	300	2,000	14,000	6,600	0	3,200	2,500	25,000	84,400	577,200	
Transportation & Public Util.	11,300	300	0	400	2,300	900	0	400	500	1,700	17,800	130,000	
Wholesale Trade	8,000	300	0	200	1,000	600	0	100	400	2,000	12,600	138,600	
Retail Trade	26,200	4,600	400	1,100	6,100	3,600	100	1,900	2,600	9,200	55,900	514,400	
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	10,400	800	0	300	1,000	600	0	200	400	2,000	15,700	154,600	
Services	37,300	5,100	200	1,300	8,700	5,800	0	2,100	2,900	13,100	76,700	813,600	
Government	16,300	1,600	300	900	4,100	2,000	1,900	1,800	2,600	6,200	37,700	382,300	
Change from previous month													
Civilian Labor Force*	-600	-300	0	-200	-900	100	0	-200	-300	-1,000	-3,400	-27,000	
Employed	-800	-300	0	-200	-900	100	0	-200	-400	-800	-3,600	-27,000	
Unemployed	200	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	-100	200	0	
Unemployment rate(%)	0.2%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	-0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.7%	N/A	0.4%	
Total, all industries**	800	0	0	-100	-300	300	0	0	0	-100	600	4,300	
Construction & Mining	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-500	
Manufacturing	-100	0	0	0	-100	0	0	0	0	-300	-500	2,200	
Transportation & Public Util.	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	800	
Wholesale Trade	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	
Retail Trade	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	600	2,900	
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100	
Services	500	0	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	600	4,800	
Government	-200	0	0	0	-200	100	0	0	0	100	-200	-6,100	
Change from year ago													
Civilian Labor Force*	3,300	600	100	-300	200	400	200	0	-300	400	3,700	65,300	
Employed	2,300	500	100	-500	0	400	100	-100	-300	-300	1,500	43,700	
Unemployed	1,100	0	0	200	200	0	100	100	0	-300	2,200	21,600	
Unemployment rate(%)	0.7%	0.0%	2.0%	1.6%	0.4%	0.0%	1.7%	0.5%	0.1%	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%	
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.9%	N/A	0.7%	
Total, all industries**	500	400	100	-300	-300	200	100	-100	-100	-1,700	-1,200	11,000	
Construction & Mining	900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-300	700	2,500	
Manufacturing	-800	0	0	-200	-200	-100	0	-300	0	-1,300	-2,800	-13,200	
Transportation & Public Util.	200	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	-100	300	-2,200	
Wholesale Trade	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	-1,000	
Retail Trade	700	200	0	0	100	100	0	0	0	0	1,100	2,100	
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	-400	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-300	2,700	
Services	-400	100	0	0	-100	200	0	100	-100	-200	-300	21,800	
Government	-100	0	0	-100	-300	0	100	100	0	100	-200	-1,700	
* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted.													
Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWS data is benchmarked to 3/2001													

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